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- 1. ACCORDING TO INDUSTRY SOURCES, MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT EXPECTS TO GRANT PERMITS FOR WINNING BIDS ON FORGING PLANTS AND AUTO ENGINE MACHINING AND ASSEMBLY PLANTS (LISTED REFTEL A) APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS AFTER BIDS ARE SUBMITTED. EG, MIDMAY BASED ON CURRENT PUSHED-BACK MARCH 15 DEADLINE.
- 2. "EL UNIVERSAL" CARRIES AFP-DETROIT NEWS RELEASE STATING THAT ROCKWELL INTERNATIONAL" CONTEMPLATES" INVESTING 25 MILLION DOLLARS IN VENEZUELAN PLANT TO RPODUCE AXLES FOR TRUCKS. INDUSTRY SOURCE BELIEVES ARTICLE REFLECTS ROCKWELL INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE IN BIDDING FOR PART OF POWERTRAIN SYSTEM, SINCE ROCKWELL PROJECT WOULD REQUIRE GRANTING OF PERMIT FOR MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT. ROCKWELL REPRESENTATIVE CURRENTLY NOT IN VENEZUELA TO CONFIRM RELEASE.
- 3. INTEREST IN ASSEMBLY AND MACHINING PORTION OF PROJECT HIGH. BIDDERS EXPECTED TO INCLUDE: GENERAL MOTORS, FORD, CHRYSLER, C.A. DANAVEN (DANA CORP., TOLEDO, OHIO), ACO S.A. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT A JAPANESE CONSORTIUM WILL SUBMIT A PACKAGE BID FOR A FORGING PLANT AND MACHINING AND ASSEMBLY PLANT FOR THE SIX-CYLINDER ENGINE. UNCLASSIFIED

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